

The elf prince snuck down the tree so quietly even the birds didn't notice him going by. Before the elf prince realized what had happened ze was standing at the edge of the meadow nearly in full view, staring at the fairy prince. The fairy prince turned around to see an odd little creature standing at the edge of the meadow, staring with its mouth open. (Of course, the fairy prince didn't realize that ze was also staring with his mouth open.) The two princes stared at each other for a moment and then started edging closer. The meadow kept dancing its meadow dance and soon the whole meadow was swirling around the two princes while they moved closer and closer. Suddenly they were standing quite close, neither of them realizing how close, until their hands of their own will reached out to touch. At the touch both sprang back to the outside edges of the meadow and stared again, both in shock that they had gotten so close and both drawn to the creature on the other side of the meadow.

Somehow they both began to move forward without noticing, until they were again face to face, noses almost touching. The sounds of the meadow swirled around them as a bird sang overhead. The sound broke them out of their trance, and they shouted and took a step

back to stare up at the bird. They stared hard and soon they were flying with the bird, diving for moths and sweeping back towards the nest (neither noticed that the fairy prince had gathered the elf prince in his arms and was flying them both on this journey.) They landed next to the nest and collapsed on to a nearby branch. They watched as the bird fed its little ones. Suddenly the bird flew off and they nearly fell off the branch when they realized they were no longer in the meadow.

The elf prince was quite surprised to have been in the fairy prince's arms (and was still there, confused and strangely comfortable) and the fairy prince was amazed that ze had actually carried this creature all the way up into the tree. That kind of thing had never happened to him before. (Of course, meadows had never swirled and disappeared before either...)

This was the beginning of the fairy prince and the elf prince's adventures together. They spent many days exploring the elf prince's home. The fairy prince tried to teach the elf prince to dance the flowers and the elf prince tried to teach the fairy prince how to stalk the wild asparagus. They were both happy for the first time in their lives.